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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
07102

**** MEMORANDUM ****

DATE: June 15, 2000

TO: Pamela Goldstein, Communication Manager
Deborah Moore, Executive Secretary

FROM: Sharpe James, Mayor 

RE: **NEWARK RECEIVES 2 AWARDS**

Per the attached letters, we won two (2) awards. Inform the Star-Ledger, et.al.

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June 13, 2000

Honorable Sharpe James
Mayor, City of Newark
920 Broad Street, Room 200
Newark, NJ 07102

Dear Mayor James:

Congratulations! Your organization has been selected as a local "best practices" winner by the New Jersey State Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for your efforts with the City of Newark's Enterprise Community Coordinated Social Service Delivery System Program.

When people hear the word "innovation," they usually assume you are talking about one or another private corporation on the frontiers of cyber-space or scientific research. Not anymore. Because thanks to the hard work and good ideas of you and your colleagues and the same in hundreds of other organizations around the country, we are proving that providers, housing authorities and local governments can, in partnership with HUD, find new and innovative ways to address old problems. And that is something worth celebrating.

Tell your family, your friends, your professional associates, your local officials and your local news organizations and don't be shy about telling the world that your good work has received national attention. You've earned it.

But that is not the end of our 2000 "best practices" competition. In the weeks ahead, we will be reviewing each and every one of the hundreds of local "best practices" winners. In each of the ten regions of the country, 12 of these "best practices" will be chosen by HUD Secretary's Representatives as "Simply the Best" honorees. HUD's Assistant Secretaries and Program Directors in Washington will select another 300 "best practices" for similar honors. And, finally, in early August at the 2nd Annual Best Practices Symposium in Washington, DC we will call special attention to those 100 "best practices" which, we believe, are the "Best of the Best."

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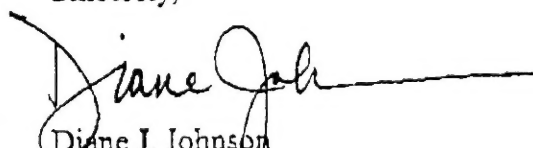
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As the "best practices" process for 2000 moves forward, we'll keep you posted. Meanwhile, take a break, for a moment to celebrate this honor with your co-workers and colleagues and then, of course, get back to work doing more wonderful things.

Again, congratulations.

Sincerely,



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JoAnne Y. Watson, Business Administrator
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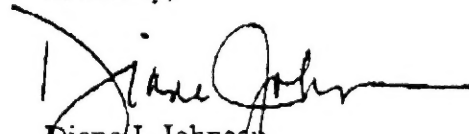
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